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SUBJECT: UPI STORY ON STRANDED AMERICANS IN TANZANIA

REF: STATE 29776

1. ACCOUNT GIVEN TO UPI BY MR. BLOCK AND MRS. BLACK IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THEY, AND OTHER AMERICAN TOURISTS WHO HAD BEEN AT LOBO WILDLIFE LODGE, TOLD EMBOFF IN ARUSHA WHEN THEY ARRIVED THERE EVENING OF FEB 7 TO CATCH BRITISH AIRWAYS SPECIAL FLIGHT TO NAIROBI.

2. LOBO WILDLIFE LODGE IS ONE OF MOST REMOTE IN TANZANIA. ITS COMMUNICATIONS ARE LIMITED TO RADIO-TELEPHONE WHICH WAS NOT OPERATING DURING THE FEB 4-7 PERIOD. TANGOV AND USG OFFICIALS ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO COMMUNICATE WITH LOBO LODGE FROM ARUSHA. THE REPORTED 80 TOURISTS AT LOBO LODGE INCLUDED TWO GROUPS OF 13 AMERICANS EACH -- ONE ORGANIZED BY THORN TREE SAFARIS OF NAIROBI AND THE OTHER, TO WHICH MR. BLOCK AND MRS. BLACK BELONGED, ORGANIZED BY NILESTAR TOURS OF NAIROBI.

3. COMMENT: WHILE WE DO NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER STORIES OF SIMILAR STRENUOUS TREATMENT IN TANZANIA OF AMERICAN TOURISTS MAY SURFACE, USG OFFICIALS IN ARUSHA REPORT THAT

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LOBO GROUP'S EXPERIENCE WAS MOST DRAMATIC RECOUNTED TO THEM.

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